DDRS ADVISORY COUNCIL

PRESENT: FACILITATOR: RECORDER: 7-2-14 Chris St. Paul, Melody Cooper, Kim Opsahl, Nicole Norvell, Cathy Robinson, Mark Flegge, Kylee Hope, Anne Davis, Julie Reynolds and Jill Ginn

Nicole Norvell

Robin M. Stearns, Administrative Secretary II, Provider Relations

ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
First Steps Update	Cathy Robinson provided council members a handout titled "Part C and Part V 619 Data Display: Indiana 2012-2013". Discussion was held regarding the data on this report and the feedback from OSEP and how Indiana compares to other states. Indiana remains within the upper third even with the recent eligibility changes.	It is important we continue to get perspective information from families. This is how we know our programs are working and what we can do to improve services. Council members requesting more specific information can contact Cathy at First Steps.
BQIS Updates	The full transition from Liberty to Advocare has been completed and we have begun to focus on Incident Reports. The complexity of our current system was discussed in order to begin to look at ways to simplify this process and still ensure the integrity of the data. The first Mortality Review Committee meeting was recently held since this transition. Advocare is working to set up a portal in order committee members can review information prior to the actual meeting. New committee members continue to be added to ensure appropriate representation. To date, there are approximately 5,000 incident reports per month. Discussion was held regarding sentinel events and BDDS reportable incidents. We are also looking at moving to a triage system for Incident Reports. Work continues on the project to taking 460 requirements and developing a toolkit for providers. Anne Davis, BQIS Director, distributed information for Risk Assessment Code Matrix. Discussion was held regarding what is the appropriate level of follow-up. The data must be used to make good decisions and must be transparent.	Nicole would like this group to be more involved with the information that comes out of the Mortality Review Committee.
BRS Updates	The VR federal and state plan was submitted on 6-30-14 and is waiting on approval. The plan contains goals and state strategies on how we will meet these goals. The state individual plan has been submitted and approved. Discussion was held regarding the goal to embed transition fact sheets into the individual IEP system. This has been approved and implemented this new school year. Kylee and Julie are currently working on a joint project regarding supported employment.	Informational.
Next Meeting	The next Advisory Council meeting will be held on August 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.	Informational.